development works as galvanised roofing, tiled flooring etc. alongwith provision or improvement of certain passenger amenity items *e.g.* display boards, steel basins, benches etc. are done at some railway stations by private parties at their cost. Such proposals are considered by concerned Zonal Railways. No details of such proposals are maintained.

Demand for super-fast train between Jamnagar-Mumbai

2603. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when a new super-fast train between Jamnagar-Mumbai will be materialized;

(b) since when the demand for above mentioned new train is being made;

(c) whether a demand for extension of Navjivan Express upto Rajkot is examined and a decision taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Three pairs of Express trains are presently running between Jamnagar and Mumbai. Requests have been received from time to time for a superfast train, but introduction of a superfast train between Jamnagar and Mumbai has not been found feasible at present.

(c) and (d) Extension of 2655/2656 Chennai-Ahmedabad Navjivan Express upto Rajkot has been examined but it has not been found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Accidents at unmanned railway crossings

2604. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that frequent accidents take place at unmanned crossings;

(b) if so, the details of such accidents in last two years;

(c) if it is not possible to provide manual service at each unmanned crossing, whether Government would consider some mechanical or computerized systems of alarm at the crossings; and

(d) if not, the steps being proposed to be taken to prevent accidents at unmanned crossings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The number of unmanned level crossing accidents decreased from 65 in 2007-08 to 62 in 2008-09. In the current year during April to November 2009, unmanned level crossing accidents decreased to 39 from 46 during the corresponding period of the previous year.